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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 022249 ACTION LONDON INFO ABU DHABI
ADDIA BABA BANGKOK BLANTYRE CAIRO USUN MANILA CAPE TOWN MOSCOW
PEKING NATO COLOMBO DACCA DAR ES SALAAM ISLAMABAD JAKARTA
JIDDA KUALA LUMPUR KUWAIT LUSAKA MANAMA WELLINGTON
MOGADISCIO MUSCAT NAIROBI NEW DELHI PARIS PORT LOUIS PRETORIA
RANGOON SANAA SINGAPORE TANANARIVE TEHRAN TOKYO THE HAGUE
CINCPAC CINCUSANVAEUR CINCEUR CINCLANT 01 FEB

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COLOMBO ALSO FOR MALDIVES, KUWAIT ALSO PASS DOHA

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DIEGO GARCIA BUDGET SUBMISSION CHANGE

CINCPAC, CINCUSNAVEUR, CINCEUR, CINCLANT ALSO FOR POLADS

REFERENCE: STATE'S 019913

1. PARA 1 REFTTEL INDICATED THAT DATE OF DOD SUBMISSION
OF FY 74 BUDGET SUPPLEMENTAL, INCLUDING \$29 M*LLION FOR
DIEGO EXPANSION, WAS TO BE FEB. 5. WE HAVE JUST BEEN

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ADVISED THAT THE SUBMISSION WILL BE MADE AS PART OF

THE OVERALL FEDERAL BUDGET MESSAGE AT 12 NOON, MONDAY, FEB. 4. ALTHOUGH BROAD DETAILS WILL BE EMBARGOED UNTIL THIS DATE DOD WILL BE PROVIDING BACKGROUND BRIEFING ON SATURDAY, FEB. 2.

2. PLEASE COMMUNICATE FOREGOING SOONEST TO FCO AND CONVEY OUR REGRET THAT WE WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE FACTS ON CHANGE OF PLANS REGARDING BUDGET SUBMISSION EARLIER. WE APPRECIATE THAT THIS CAN WELL COMPLICATE PROBLEM INVOLVING PARLIAMENTARY TREATMENT OF DIEGO EXPANSION AND THIRD COUNTRY NOTIFICATION. HOWEVER DOD HAS ASSURED US THAT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO MINIMIZE SPECULATIVE QUESTIONS ON DIEGO. NO INFORMATION WILL BE VOLUNTEERED BUT IF ASKED DOD SPOKESMAN WILL SAY THAT PRESS HAS ALREADY WRITTEN NUMBER OF STORIES ON DIEGO AND THEY ARE WELL AWARE THAT WE ARE HAVING SOME PRELIMINARY CONVERSATIONS WITH THE BRITISH. THERE IS

NOTHING FURTHER TO SAY AT THIS TIME. YOU SHOULD NOTE TO FCO THAT THIS ANSWER CONFORMS WELL TO RESPONSE TO BROCKWAY QUERY IN LORDS.

3. WE WILL BE PROVIDING BY SEPTTEL HOW FOREGOING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN CONTEXT OF PARLIAMENTARY AND THIRD PARTY NOTIFICATION. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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